

GERMANS DRIVEN BACK IN FLANDERS

**Both Sides Claim Victory in North
Sea Coast Contest; German Aviators
Stranded; Captured By English;
German Officers and 100
Men Blown Up**

RUSSIANS REPORTED IN WILD RETREAT

**Rome Dispatch, However, Says Pur-
ported Teuton Victory is Shrouded
in Mystery; Petrograd Denies
Report of Defeat**

Rome, Dec. 19.—The purported victory of the Germans over the Russians in Poland is shrouded in mystery. So far no official report has been given out further than that the Germans were victorious. From Petrograd comes the report that the Russians, far from being defeated, led the Germans into a trap and slaughtered many. The report says that the Germans followed the "retreating" Russians blindly into an ambush. In the western theatre of war the allies have apparently the best of it, but the Germans are fighting determinedly. An early invasion of Germany by the allies has been abandoned.

ALLIES WIN IN WESTERN FIELD.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—The following official statement was issued today from the Berlin war office:
"Yesterday there were hostile attacks in the western arena. Fighting still continues at Nieuport, Bixchoe and LaBasse. We repulsed fierce attacks made by the allies west of Lens, east of Albert and west of Noyon.

"On the east Prussian frontier of Russia a cavalry attack west of Pilkallen was repulsed.

"In Poland the pursuit of the enemy continues."

BOTH SIDES CLAIM VICTORIES IN FLANDERS.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The official war report issued today from Paris says:

"On December 18th we organized in Belgium, the territory won from the enemy the evening before to the south of Dixmude, and then we advanced south of the line at Kortek. Our advance to the south of Ypres was continued. South of Labasse we advanced more than one kilometer. Near Albert on the night of December 17th and 18th we reached some wire entanglements near the second line of the German trenches north of Maricourt, and were obliged to abandon the trenches occupied the night before. Several German trenches have been occupied near Menet.

"Near Lyons three violent counter attacks by the Germans were repulsed. In the forests of Lagurrie we blew up the German underground trench, near St. Hubert. The enemy has made slight progress.

AVIATORS STRANDED IN NORTH SEA.

London, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph today reports that a German aeroplane became stranded on the Danish Isle of Gano, in the North Sea. The aviators were arrested and interned in Denmark.

GERMAN OFFICERS AND HUNDRED MEN BLOWN UP.

Athens, Dec. 19.—A semi-official announcement was made today to the effect that one hundred lives were lost, including some German officers, when the Turkish battleship Messudieh was torpedoed by a British submarine in the Dardanelles.

SENATE REJECTS A KANSAS CITY P. O. APPOINTMENT

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The nomination of W. N. Collins, as postmaster at Kansas City, Mo., a recess appointment of President Wilson, was rejected Friday by the senate. Senator Reed opposed confirmation and the senate rejected the nomination without debate.

Mr. Collins has been in office for several weeks, but his nomination did not go to the senate until Friday. Early this week the senate refused to confirm J. D. Lynn, whose nomination to be district attorney for western New York was opposed by Senator Corman.

Some senators maintain that none of the President's recess appointments will be confirmed if they are

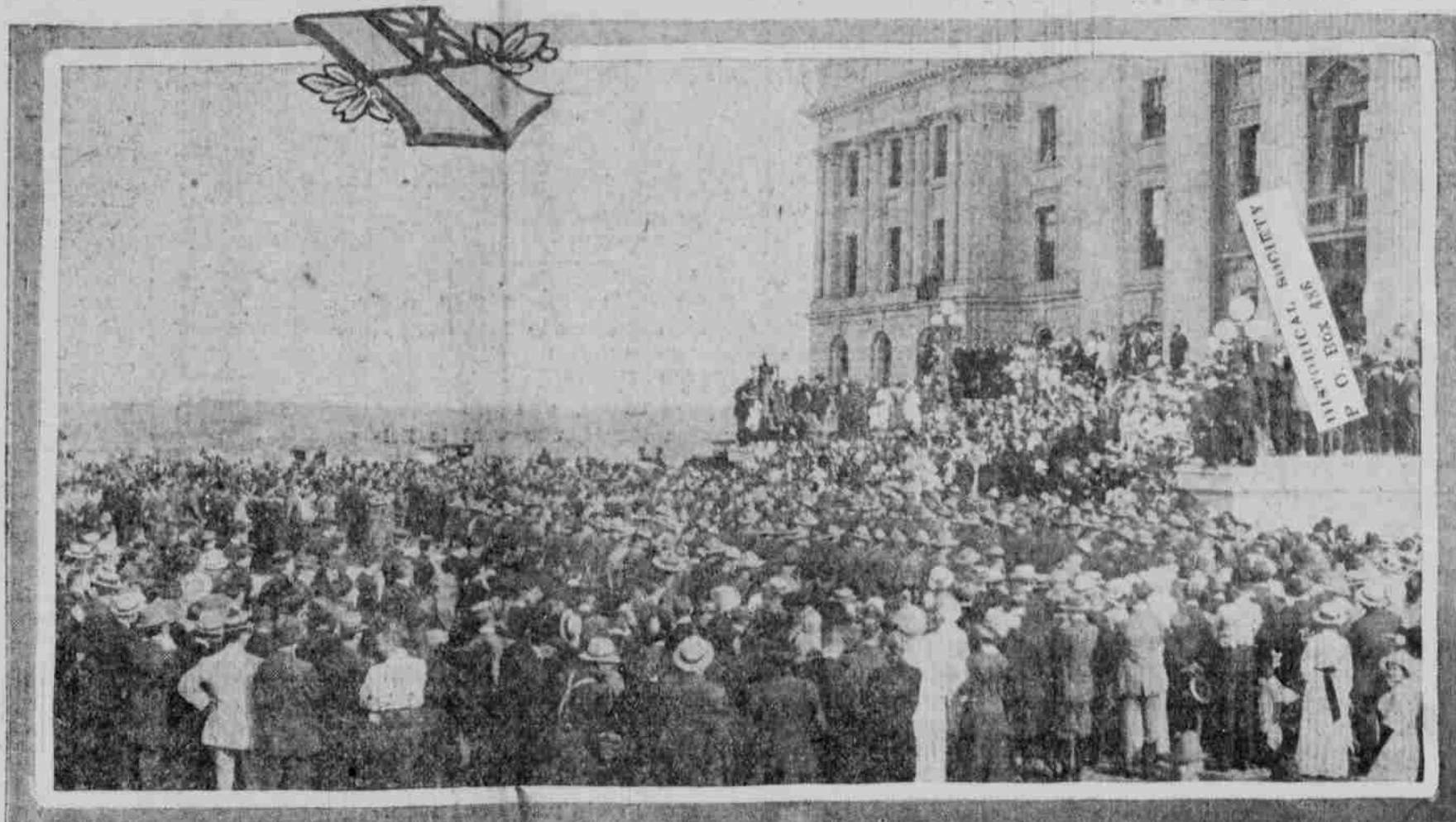
objectionable to the senators from states involved and they also hold that such rejections should operate to prevent recess appointments from holding office.

"CHARITY DAY" BY GOV- ERNOR'S PROCLAMA- TION, IN MISSOURI

(By Associated Press.)
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19.—Saturday, Dec. 19 is Charity day in Missouri by proclamation of the governor. Contributions of money or foodstuff is being solicited in every town to be given to the American Relief committee which will fill the "Missouri ship soon to sail for Europe.

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WIFE TESTIFIES FOR FATHER

**GIRL WIFE, WHOSE FATHER
KILLED HUSBAND, GIVES
TESTIMONY AT TRIAL**

New City, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The jury in the trial of William V. Cleary for the murder of his son-in-law, Eugene M. Newman, witnessed a dramatic scene late today when the young widow, Anna Cleary Newman, was brought into the court room to testify for her father, former town clerk of Haverstraw.

Gowned in black except for a white shirt waist and a white feather in her hat, the girl of 29 was assisted toward the witness chair by her uncle. She clung to her relative as she walked slowly across the room from the rear door through which she had entered.

Her father had not seen her since July 22, the day before Newman was shot as he was waiting to tell Cleary that he and Anna were married. As his daughter reached his side he reached out to take her in his arms. The girl shrank away from him, but Cleary seized her in a firm embrace and kissed her repeatedly. Looks Away From Father.

When the girl was led trembling to the stand Cleary collapsed, falling over on the counsel table. He recovered quickly, however, and turned his eyes upon Anna who did not return his gaze. When she had finished her testimony and again passed her father, she made no response as he reached out and patted her hand.

Few questions were asked the young widow. She testified Newman was the father of her child and that she had not told her father or her mother of her marriage. It had been previously testified that Cleary had learned July 22 that Anna was to become a mother and on July 22 and 23 he had drunk to excess and acted irrationally. Through his wife it was brought out that up to the time he

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**ONLY
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Shopping Days
to
CHRISTMAS**

This is a scene at Edmonton, in far Alberta, where the British enthusiasm for the war is as great if not greater than in London. Thousands gathered when the premier called on the people of Alberta to enlist. Alberta will furnish its quota for fighting in Europe, and the men will be among the finest soldiers in the world. Most of them are cattlemen or farmers, who have grown hardy in the open air, and the trials of war in Europe will not affect them so much as soldiers recruited from the cities. This photograph shows a crowd of 2,700 listening to the premier's address on the war.

The second Canadian contingent will comprise 15,370 officers and men, 4,765 horses, fifty-eight guns and sixteen machine guns, and will be ready

30 INJURED WHEN STREET CARS MEET

**CARS HEAVILY LOADED
WITH SHOPPERS COL-
LIDE IN K. C.**

(By Associated Press.)

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 19.—Thirty persons were injured, one probably fatally, when a street car, loaded with shoppers, bound down town from the country club district, collided with a southbound interurban "Strang Lane" car near twenty-fourth and Grand avenue. The cause of the collision was a split switch. Pat Bedsworth, interurban motor-man will probably die. The injuries to passengers are mostly cuts and bruises, none are believed to be serious. The heavy interurban car plowed half way through the street car. Dozens of passengers escaped by jumping.

GRAND DUKE USES FISTS ON GENERAL SAFIMOFF

Berlin, (By Wireless), Dec. 19.—The Swedish professor, Sjoegren, has returned from Russia and describes in a Stockholm newspaper how Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander-in-chief, tore off General Safimoff's epaulettes and struck him down.

GIRL WIFE OF 16 FALLS FIVE STORIES AND LIVES

A 16-year-old girl, attempting to elope with her husband, from whom her parents were hiding her, fell from a 5-story window at Oklahoma City yesterday evening and is still alive. She was making her escape from her room by aid of a slender rope; the rope broke and she fell to the pavement below where her husband was waiting. The husband seeing her fall threw himself under her to save her. He is in the hospital and she will recover.

to sail from Canada in January. A third Canadian contingent of approximately 25,000 men will be ready to leave for England early in March, including the first contingent of 33,000 men, the Dominion by spring will have sent more than 70,000 men to the firing line.

When the second contingent of 15,000 to 17,000 men leaves for Europe in January a further enlistment of 17,000 will take place immediately. It is believed that mounted Canadians will be sent to the Suez region of Egypt.

With a contingent being sent to England every two months, together with reinforcements, Canada expects to have placed between 200,000 and 250,000 men at the disposal of Great Britain by next autumn.

VILLA'S TROOPS DESERT

**GARRISON AT SAN LOUIS
POTOSI SURRENDERS TO
GEN. CARRANZA**

(By Associated Press.)

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Mexican consul here says:

"The Villa garrison at San Louis Potosi revolted against Villa this morning and surrendered the city to General Samuel Delos Santos, who is loyal to Carranza. Several thou-

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BLUE CHRISTMAS FOR MANY IN COUNTY JAIL

Nearly two score prisoners, convicted recently or awaiting trial at the January term of court, both district and federal will probably spend Christmas in the county jail here or at best the state penitentiary. Sheriff Mahoney will give the prisoners a turkey dinner Christmas.

During the past ten days the delivery of The Leader has been irregular. Subscribers have been occasioned much annoyance by receiving their paper at a late hour. The trouble has been due to a break in the big press, necessitating sending a long distance for repairs. The trouble has now been partially overcome and by Monday will be entirely remedied. It is hoped, after which the paper will go to readers on time as heretofore. The carriers have been in no wise to blame for the late delivery, save in one or two instances. The Leader management trusts its patrons will bear with it with this explanation, assuring them that prompt and effective service will soon be established.

OLD TIME FIDDLERS' CONTEST

**THIRD ENTERTAINMENT OF
FALL FESTIVAL AT M. E.
CHURCH SUCCESS**

The old time fiddlers of Guthrie had their "tuning" last night. And he said to their everlasting credit, they furnished real, old time melodies the brand that brought many who listened, back to boyhood days "down on the farm."

Of the three entertainments given at the Fall Festival at the First M. E. church this week the old fiddlers contest last night was in every way the most unique.

One of the interesting features of the evening was the left handed fiddling of Mr. Cheney, whose skillful wielding of the bow with his left hand, called forth great applause from the large and appreciative audience.

Mr. Singer, aged 92, played the old tunes with a vim and enthusiasm that would convince any psychologist that neither mental nor physical skill need become impaired in old age.

Mr. Mathis, age 73, gave a monologue, before beginning his playing, that was better than many heard on the vaudeville stage.

Mr. Morris's playing was fine and to make the contest one in which both the old and the new were joined together two real young men also played the old tunes as they have learned them, in the new way.

The numbers played were: "Arkansas Traveler," "Fisher's Hornpipe," "Irish Washerwoman," "Turkey in the Straw," and "Soldier's Joy."

Another number was given to see who would win the "Rare Old Vio-

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Christmas BARGAIN OFFER

On account of the Christmas holidays, The Daily Leader will receive yearly subscriptions between Dec. 18 and Dec. 31, at the rate of Two Dollars and Fifty Cents, per year.

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THE AWFUL WHITE PLAGUE**

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After Diagnoses and Before Ad-
mission to Sanatoria**

Humanity is only stirred to action oftentimes by some tragic event. It requires a Collingswood holocaust to bring safer school buildings, wider sidewalks and suitable fire escapes; an Iroquois disaster to make theaters safer; a Titanic to remedy maritime laws; a Slocum sinking to protect the lives of excursionists; a Triangle fire to bring efficient fire and factory inspection. A suicide was the means of starting the Health Colony club of Pittsburg, Pa., and the life lost has been the means of saving and relieving many others.

A year ago a young man in Pittsburg was told that he had tuberculosis. The state tuberculosis sanatorium at Cresson, Pa., was filled up and he was notified that he could not hope to be admitted for three weeks. With no place to go to and no home to shelter him, he walked up to a tall building, took an elevator to the top and threw himself from the highest window.

The tragedy made an impression upon the minds of certain women of the city and they set about at once to guard against any recurrence of such an event. The Home Colony Club was organized as an auxiliary to the Cresson Sanatorium, with the purpose of filling the gap between the diagnosis of a case and its entrance to one of the state sanatoria.

During the few months of its existence the colony club women have raised \$3,500 for the establishment of a colony to house and care for unfortunate victims of the white plague while they are waiting for admittance to the regular institutions. With this money ten tents will accommodate forty patients during their period of waiting to enter the hospital.

The colony has been popular from the start. Filling an absolute necessity, demonstrated by the case of the youthful suicide, the temporary detention quarters have become so well liked that their inmates frequently prefer to remain in them rather than go into the sanatorium.

Money to maintain the colony clubs tuberculosis camp is raised in various ways. Donations are solicited from individuals and entertainments and socials are given at irregular periods. The response on the part of the public has been liberal and there has not been a lack of funds. At the same time the women gladly receive gifts of blankets, comforts and clothing for the tents.

The state of Pennsylvania provides liberally for its tuberculosis victims.

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THE WEATHER



What Government Forecaster Reports

Via Opheila

(By Associated Press.)

New Orleans, La., Dec. 19.—Tonight

fair, colder; Sunday fair.